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1. Walter Fonteyn was an active member of the Belgium Communist Party before the war. Prior to 1939 he directed the local BCP Sections of St. Gilles and Forest. During the occupation he became a Federal Instructor at Brussels. He was later elected Secretary of the Brabant Wallon Federation. During this period he commanded the Partisans Armes of the Brabant Wallon area. Just before the liberation he joined the Maquis in the Ardennes to prepare for the general uprising.
2. After the war, Fonteyn became Secretary of the Brussels Federation and a "responsible" of the Central Executive Committee of the BCP. Subject was later relieved of his position as Federal Secretary of the Brussels Federation because he could not justify the spending of certain funds which the Party had collected during an election campaign. Following this, Fonteyn was placed in the Education Section. In June 1946 at the BCP Congress, he was elected to the new Central Committee of the BCP. Subject was elected Communal Counselor of St. Gilles in November 1946 and remained in this position until his resignation in 1947. Subject and his wife are active militants.
3. Walter Fonteyn was born in St. Gilles on 4 August 1912. He is married to Mariette nee Wyns. He is a glass engraver by profession and lives at 82 rue Fernand Bernier, St. Gilles. Subject is a member of the Board of Directors of the Societe Centralimpex which is located at 60 rue Ravenstein, Brussels and characterized by close communist and Satellite affiliations.

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